

HONORING DEIRDRE SCOTT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BRONX COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

### HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Black History Month 2012, I rise today to recognize a dedicated arts and cultural leader in the Bronx who has done wonderful work for the people of our borough, Ms. Deirdre Scott.

Ms. Scott is a lifelong resident of New York and has been a resident and leader in the Bronx for more than 20 years. She attended Temple University School of Architecture and Engineering Technology, before enrolling in Hunter College, CUNY where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Art History/Fine Arts. She also earned a Business Development Certificate from Columbia University School of Business in 1994. She has been the Executive Director of the Bronx Council on the Arts, BCA, since 2009, and served on the board prior to that. Ms. Scott has extensive experience at art institutions throughout New York City, and prior to her time at BCA, she was the Director of Technology at the Studio Museum in Harlem for seven years. She has also worked at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Bronx Museum of the Arts and Cooper-Hewitt—The Smithsonian's National Design Museum. She also co-founded the Aquamarine Sculpture Park in Manhattan, which was the first waterfront sculpture park in the borough. Among other roles, she has worked as a curator, educator, exhibition and multimedia designer, and instructor.

Ms. Scott has also been involved in an amazing number of civic efforts. She is a member of the Board of Directors at the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation, is a member of the New York City Workforce Investment Board, the Juxtopia Informatics' Virtual Instructors Pilot Research Group, and the Bronx Initiative for Energy and the Environment.

The BCA is one of the Bronx's premier organizations, and this year will celebrate its 50th Anniversary. In her role as Executive Director, Ms. Scott has helped numerous artists, art organizations, and community groups through the BCA's programming and grants. In addition, she has played an important role in securing BCA's future by leading an effort that resulted in the donation of a new building to serve as the headquarters for the BCA.

Mr. Speaker, the Bronx has a long and rich history in the arts. I am proud to say that Ms. Scott is not just a part of that past, but is also developing the future of arts and culture in our borough. She is very well respected by leaders in the arts community and her talents have not gone unnoticed by her peers. I am proud to join them in recognizing and thanking her for her contributions to the Bronx and to New York City. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing a gifted and talented woman, Ms. Deirdre Scott.

### EDS WASTE SOLUTIONS

### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud EDS Waste Solutions for receiving the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Award.

This award is given to an outstanding Chamber of Commerce business member that has contributed substantially to the Chamber of Commerce and the community.

The original trash company began in 1896 with a horse and wagon. Today, EDS Waste Solutions proudly operates a fleet of over 30 trucks.

EDS Waste Solutions is a full service company that offers residential, commercial, industrial, and recycle hauling services. They are committed to offering the most innovative waste solutions of the 21st century.

In the 26 years that EDS has been located in Golden they have supported the City of Golden, Golden Chamber of Commerce, Buffalo Bill Days, Golden Fine Arts Festival, Golden Christmas Parades, Golden Car Shows, Golden Clean Up Days and the list goes on. EDS saves the city, citizens and organizations nearly \$20,000.00 each year.

Their Mission Statement is truly who they are. EDS is an environmentally responsible company committed to exceeding the expectations of their customers, employees, and community with integrity, teamwork, innovation, and their desire to serve. Because, "It's not just trash, it's our future".

I extend my deepest congratulations to all the employees of EDS Waste Solutions for this well deserved recognition by the Greater Golden Chamber of Commerce. Thank you for making our community a better place to live.

H.R. 3582—PRO-GROWTH BUDGETING ACT AND H.R. 3578—BASELINE REFORM ACT

### HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to both H.R. 3582 and H.R. 3578. These misguided bills make it easier for Congress to pass budgets that give wealthy individuals unaffordable tax breaks while devastating America's communities with cuts to schools, hospitals and road and bridge repairs.

H.R. 3582, the Pro Growth Budgeting Act, requires the Congressional Budget Office, CBO, to use "dynamic scoring" as part of a macroeconomic impact analysis of tax provisions. This new method is based on the false premise that tax cuts pay for themselves, which would hide the true costs of passing even more tax cuts for America's wealthiest individuals.

H.R. 3578, the Baseline Reform Act, mandates a fundamental change in how CBO forecasts future discretionary spending in its baseline, requiring CBO to unrealistically assume that spending in the future will stay the same

and not keep pace with inflation. Over the long-term, this could result in a substantial decrease in vital government services that millions of Americans rely on.

Both of these bills present a distorted picture of the federal budget outlook. H.R. 3582 and H.R. 3578 will fail to create jobs, reduce the national deficit, or put the country on a fiscally sustainable path. By bringing these bills to the floor, the House Republican Majority is once again failing to focus on the most pressing need of our constituents: growing the economy and creating jobs.

It is time to leave behind the failed Republican economic policies of the last decade. The Great Recession proved that deregulation and tax cuts for the wealthy at a time when America is fighting two wars destroys jobs and produces enormous deficits. Republicans and Democrats need to come together around a new agenda that makes strategic investments in our country. We can start with President Obama's American Jobs Act, which would put more than 1 million Americans back to work, according to independent economists. By working together, we can build a stronger, more competitive economy for the 21st century.

I urge my colleagues to oppose them.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. LUCILE ROYBAL-ALLARD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD. Mr. Speaker, I was out of town due to a death in my family and was not present for rollcall votes numbered 13–20 on Wednesday, February 1, 2012. Had I been present, I would have voted in this manner:

Rollcall Vote #13—Jackson Lee (TX) Amendment (#2): "yes;"

Rollcall Vote #14—Jackson Lee (TX) Amendment (#1): "yes;"

Rollcall Vote #15—Deutch (FL) Amendment (#4): "yes;"

Rollcall Vote #16—Deutch (FL) Amendment (#5): "yes;"

Rollcall Vote #17—Democratic Motion to Recommit: "yes;"

Rollcall Vote #18—Final Passage of H.R. 1173: "no;"

Rollcall Vote #19—H.R. 3835: "no;" and

Rollcall Vote #20—H.R. 3567: "yes."

### GAUGING AMERICAN PORT SECURITY

### HON. JANICE HAHN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, the lessons of 9/11 have taught us that we must continuously be vigilant in proactively seeking out and preventing our country's most pressing threats. That is why after 9/11, Congress began to shine a spotlight on previously ignored issues such as border security, airport security and strengthening identification procedures. However, an area that continues to be ignored is port security.